

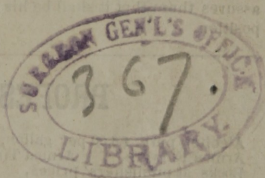
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# HOSPITAL STATISTICS.

The following statistics of the St. Louis City Hospital (Allœopathic), as embodied in the report presented to the Hon. Board of Health by Dr. Paddock, Resident Physician of the City Hospital, for the half year ending September 30th, 1864, presents in a tabular form the operations of that institution for the period referred to.

ST. LOUIS CITY HOSPITAL, October 1, 1864.

To the Honorable Board of Health:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with the requirements of your Honorable Body, I herewith respectfully submit for your consideration the following report, being my semi-annual report of the transactions of the Medical Department of the hospital for the half year ending the 30th September, 1864.

The following tables show the whole number of patients treated, their diseases, the number discharged, died, and the number still remaining in the wards.

*DIAGNOSIS.	NO. OF CASES.	DISCHARGED.	DIED.	REMAINING.	DIAGNOSIS.	NO. OF CASES.	DISCHARGED.	DIED.	REMAINING.
Abscess	6	5	1	..	Moribund	5	..	5	..
Anasarca	4	1	2	1	Mania a Potu	12	12	..	..
Asthma	5	4	..	1	Marasmus	12	..	2	..
Ascites	3	..	1	2	Melancholy	1	1	..	..
Abortion	1	1	..	..	Menorrhagia	12	1	..	1
Ambustio	7	5	1	1	Necrosis	8	6	1	1
Bronchitis	19	19	..	..	Nephritis	1	1	..	..
Cancer	7	2	4	1	Neuralgia	3	3	..	..
Contusio	40	31	1	8	Edema	1	1	..	..
Conjunctivitis	2	2	..	..	Opacity of Cornea	1	1	..	..
Concussion of Brain	2	..	2	..	Ophthalmia	3	25	..	7
Concussion of Spinal Cord	1	..	1	..	Ochitis	5	3	..	..
Curvature of Spine	1	..	1	..	Pneumonia	2	10	12	1
Cancrum Oris	1	..	..	1	Pregnancy and Parturition	74	48	..	26
Delirium Tremens	26	22	4	..	Phthisis Pulmonalis	35	8	12	5
Debility	81	66	4	11	Pleurisy	1	4	..	..
Dysentery	30	7	21	2	Prolapsus Uteri	2	2	..	..
Diarrhea	106	71	23	12	Paralysis	8	5	2	1
Dementia	1	1	..	..	Periostitis	2	2	..	..
Dislocation of Hip-Joint	1	..	..	1	Phlegmon	5	5	..	..
Erysipelas	14	14	..	..	Premature Labor	1	1	..	..
Eczema	1	1	..	..	Paraplegia	1	..	..	1
Frost-Bite	2	2	..	..	Rheumatism	47	37	..	10
Fistula in Ano	1	1	..	..	Rubeola	5	5	..	..
Fever, Intermittent	53	44	..	9	Syphilis	170	150	1	19
Fever, Remittent	10	9	..	1	Scabies	5	5	..	..
Fever, Puerperal	1	..	1	..	Sprain	3	3	..	..
Fever, Typhoid	10	2	7	1	Sunstroke	5	1	4	..
Fractures	9	7	..	2	Scrofula	2	2	..	..
Furunculus	1	1	..	..	Sore Throat	1	1	..	..
Gonorrhea	13	12	..	1	Tumor	2	2	..	..
Gleet	1	1	..	..	Toxemia	2	1	1	..
Hemorrhoids	4	4	..	..	Tonsilitis	1	1	..	..
Hemorrhage, Pulmonary	1	..	1	..	Tetanus	1	..	..	1
Hernia, Strangulated	2	1	..	1	Ulcer	8	21	1	6
Hæmoptysis	1	1	..	..	Variola	7	7	..	..
Hysteria	1	1	..	..	Vulnera	9	7	2	..
Icterus	4	3	..	1	Varicose Veins	1	1	..	..
Insanity	14	11	..	3	Chorea	1	..	1	..
Inanition	1	..	1	..					
Inflammation	2	2	..	..					
Leuchrrhea	4	4	..	..					
					TOTAL	990	731	120	139

The number of deaths has been 120 during the past half year, and one hundred and thirty-nine (139) are remaining in the wards under treatment.

The medical expenses for the half year ending last night have been \$1,249 63, including \$414 08, being the amount for medicines furnished the Health Office, Smallpox and Quarantine Hospitals, which, being deducted from the total amount, leaves \$835 55 as the actual cost for the medical department of this hospital.

It may be noticed that the medical expenses of the hospital for the past six months have been much less than they were for the corresponding months in preceding years, notwithstanding that the prices paid for all the principal medicines have been from two to four hundred per cent. above that formerly charged.

The average length of time in the hospital for each patient has been (excluding the insane) about nineteen (19) days.

I remain, gentlemen, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. H. PADDOCK, Resident Physician.

Per contra to this Report, I will present the statistics of the Homœopathic Hospital under my charge, attached to the Cavalry Depot of this city. This Hospital was established by Capt. Ingham Coryell, C. Q. M. of the Western Division Cavalry Bureau, March 1st of the present year, for the purpose of affording medical and surgical treatment to the sick employees in the Depot. To Mr. Yeatman, President of the Western Sanitary Commission, is this Department indebted for the necessary supply of Hospital furniture required for the use and comfort of the patients while inmates of the institution. The building selected for Hospital purposes is situated at the western border of the Cavalry Depot, and composes a part of the Government buildings previously attached to the Benton Barracks, which, in the early period of the rebellion, was occupied by troops stationed at this Post. The structure is built of rough boards, one story high, ventilated at the top with a verandah on either side, for protection from the boisterous storms of winter, as well as the excessive heat of summer. It is capable of furnishing accommodation for 30 patients, and can be increased to 50 if necessity requires. One ward is used exclusively for surgical cases, and quite a number of fractures have been already successfully treated, besides a number of surgical operations have been performed resulting from accident or otherwise.

During the existence of the Hospital, the number of laborers, employees, &c., attached to the Depot have averaged about 1,200, and, as the Report shows, 833 sick and injured have been treated in the Institution for the half year ending August 31st, 1864. The following is a copy of the Report as made to the C. Q. M. of the Department.



*Report of Sick and Injured treated in Cavalry Bureau  
the Half Year ending August 31st, 1864, by E. C. FRANKLIN,  
Surgeon in charge.*

DISEASES.	NO. ADMITTED..	DISCHARGED CURED.	DIED.....	REMAINING.....	REMARKS.
Arthritis .....	1	1	..	..	
Abscess .....	8	8	..	..	
Amputation .....	1	..	1	..	{ Died from gangrene of the stump, 8 days after the operation.
Bronchitis .....	31	31	..	..	
Catarrh .....	35	35	..	..	
Contusion .....	98	97	..	1	
Cholera Morbus....	4	4	..	..	
Diarrhœa.....	95	92	..	3	
Dysentery .....	32	27	..	5	
Diphtheritis .....	3	3	..	..	
Erysipelas .....	4	4	..	..	
Enteralgia .....	1	1	..	..	
Eczema.....	1	1	..	..	
Fever, Intermittent	44	44	..	..	{ Complicated with meningitis, and ter- minating in typhoid.
Fever, Remittent..	98	97	1	1	
Fever, Typhoid....	39	35	2	1	
Fracture .....	4	3	..	1	
Gastritis .....	11	11	..	..	
Gastralgia .....	1	1	..	..	
Gonorrhœa.....	3	3	..	..	
Hepatitis .....	6	6	..	..	
Herpes.....	3	3	..	..	
Hemorrhoids .....	2	2	..	..	
Icterus .....	3	3	..	..	
Impetigo .....	2	2	..	..	
Laryngitis .....	5	5	..	..	
Mania-a-Potu.....	2	2	..	..	
Nephritis.....	1	1	..	..	
Neuralgia.....	2	2	..	..	
Ophthalmia.....	18	17	..	1	
Orchitis .....	6	6	..	..	
Otitis .....	3	3	..	..	
Parotitis.....	4	4	..	..	
Pericarditis .....	2	2	..	..	
Periostitis .....	3	3	..	..	
Pneumonia .....	13	13	..	..	
Pleuritis .....	6	6	..	..	

## Report—Continued.

DISEASES.	NUMBER ADMITTED.	DISCHARGED CURED.	DIED.....	REMAINING.	REMARKS.
Rubeola .....	3	3	..	..	
Rheumatism .....	19	19	..	..	
Syphilis.....	10	10	..	..	
Sycosis .....	1	1	..	..	
Scabies .....	9	9	..	..	
Stomatitis .....	7	7	..	..	
Stricture.....	1	1	..	..	
Scorbutus .....	1	1	..	..	
Spinal Meningitis..	1	..	1	..	
Tonsilitis.....	11	11	..	..	
Tumor .....	2	2	..	..	
Ulcer.....	17	16	..	1	
Varicose Ulcer....	3	3	..	..	
Varix .....	1	1	..	..	
Variola .....	8	8	..	..	
Vulnus Incisio....	52	51	..	1	
Sunstroke.....	1	1	..	..	
Tinea Capitis.....	1	1	..	..	
Varioloid .....	2	2	..	..	
All other diseases..	89	89	..	..	
TOTAL.....	833	813	5	15	

Average length of time in Hospital, 12 days.

By reference to the figures, it appears that in the Allœopathic Hospital, with all the appliances of comfort, professional skill and attendance, the city affords, the number of patients treated was 990, with a mortality of 120 and 139 remaining in Hospital. This gives the number of Deaths to those admitted in Hospital as over 12 per cent., exclusive of those remaining. The record of the Homœopathic Hospital gives 833 cases admitted, with five deaths and only 15 remaining in Hospital, making a mortality of 6-10 of one per cent.—a clear gain over its rival institution of 11 and 4-10 per cent. So much for the *general* results; and for fear of any carping about the matter, let us examine the comparative statistics of the *four specific* diseases treated in both institutions, and their relative results.

In the Allœopathic Hospital there were treated 30 cases of *Dysentery*, with 21 deaths, making a mortality of 70 per cent.



In the Homœopathic Hospital there were treated 32 cases of *Dysentery*, with *no deaths*.

Of *Typhoid Fever* there were 10 cases treated in the Allœopathic Hospital, with 7 deaths, making a mortality of 70 per cent.; while in the Homœopathic Hospital there were 39 cases treated, with only two deaths, making a mortality of only 5 and 1-10 per cent.

Of *Diarrhœa* there were treated, in the Allœopathic Hospital, 106 cases, with 23 deaths, or a mortality of over 22 per cent.; while in the Homœopathic Hospital there were treated 95 cases of *Diarrhœa*, and *no deaths*.

Of *Pneumonia* there were treated, in the Allœopathic Hospital, 23 cases, with 12 deaths, or a mortality of over 52 per cent.

In the Homœopathic Hospital there were treated of *Pneumonia* 13 cases, and *no deaths*.

Of the *four* diseases named, the admissions were more than one-sixth of the whole number received into the City Hospital; and as the mortality of these four diseases exceeds in number that of any other four diseases, and over one-half of the whole mortality, it is manifest that the diseases named were the leading and most serious maladies treated in that institution. Taking these four diseases conjointly, it appears, therefore, that 169 cases were admitted into the Allœopathic Hospital, of which number 63 died—making a mortality of 37 and 2-10 per cent.; while the whole number of such diseases admitted into the Homœopathic Hospital were 179 cases, and only 2 deaths—giving a mortality of 1 and 1-10 per cent. Or, to place the results of the treatment side by side, we have :

ALLEOPATHIC.				HOMŒOPATHIC.			
DISEASES.	NO. OF CASES.	DIED.	PER CENTAGE.	DISEASES.	NO. OF CASES.	DIED.	PER CENTAGE.
1. Dysentery....	30	21	70	Dysentery....	32	0	0
2. Typhoid Fever	10	7	70	Typhoid Fever	39	2	5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>10</sub>
3. Diarrhœa.....	106	23	22	Diarrhœa.....	95	0	0
4. Pneumonia ...	23	12	52	Pneumonia ...	13	0	0

Average mortality, 37<sup>2</sup>/<sub>10</sub> per cent. || Average mortality, 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>10</sub> per cent

It is therefore clearly demonstrated that the Homœopathic system of medicine is infinitely superior, as compared with the Alloëopathic practice in the Hospitals referred to, and that the record of mortality is largely in favor of the Homœopathic system in the general results of Hospital practice, while in the four principal diseases, and those most fatal in their tendencies, the comparison is even more overwhelmingly in favor of the Homœopathic system of medicine.

With such a statement of facts, deduced by the statistics of these two medical institutions, as presented by their respective medical officers, will any one deny the superior advantages Homœopathy possesses over its rival system of medicine, that boasts "the learning and investigation of all time"? With a record so largely in favor of Homœopathy, can any one be found so deaf to the humanitarian interests of the poor, who seek refuge in our medical asylums for protection from the ravages of disease, as to shut them out from the ark of safety that Homœopathy extends in the hour of sickness and suffering?

Let our City Fathers look well to this matter, and avoid the terrible responsibility that awaits them in the criminal neglect of a duty so plain to themselves and so vitally important to the poor who are received into our public Hospitals.

HOMŒOPATHIC				ALLOPATHIC			
DEATHS	PER 100	PER 1000	PER 10000	DEATHS	PER 100	PER 1000	PER 10000
0	0	0	0	70	21	30	30
0	0	0	0	70	21	30	30
0	0	0	0	70	21	30	30
0	0	0	0	70	21	30	30
0	0	0	0	70	21	30	30

Average mortality, 27.5 per cent. Homœopathic mortality, 1.5 per cent.